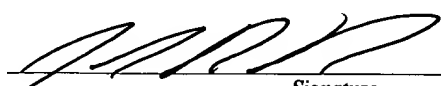



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)		Docket No.	
In Re Application Of: Laflamme			
Serial No. 09/709,787	Filing Date 11/07/2000	Examiner unassigned	Group Art Unit 2121
Invention: SPA CONTROLLER COMPUTER INTERFACE FOR SPAS			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>2/13/01</u> in the above-identified application. <i>Date</i></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u>4/13/01</u> until: <u>5/13/01</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i></p> <p>A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 200678 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 200678 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p> _____ <i>Signature</i></p> <p>Dated: 5/11/01</p> <p>John R. Ross, III Regis. No. 43060 Ross Patent Law Office P.O. Box 2138 Del Mar, CA 92014 858-755-3122 FAX: 858-755-3122</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 5/11/01 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><p> _____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p><p style="text-align: center;">John R. Ross, III <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p></div>			

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